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The proposed settlement with Microsoft is the biggest rip-off of US industry and consumers that I have ever seen. I cannot imagine my so called government agreeing with such a lame settlement. Arguments as to the importance of the settlement to the economy are specious and in any event untrue. Microsoft broke the law. That conclusion is very clear. Last I looked this country punished lawbreakers. Microsoft should be severely punished. The proposed settlement does not come close to severe punishment. It is possible that top executives of the company should be imprisoned-yet there is no mention of that possibility in anything I have read. Placing appropriate restrictions on Microsoft given that the company is a monopoly will only help the US and world economy. Please understand that competition is a good thing. Microsoft has clearly been proven to be anti-competition and must be stopped. There is no other choice if we wish to maintain a society free to make its own choices. Indeed a society that actually has choices to make.